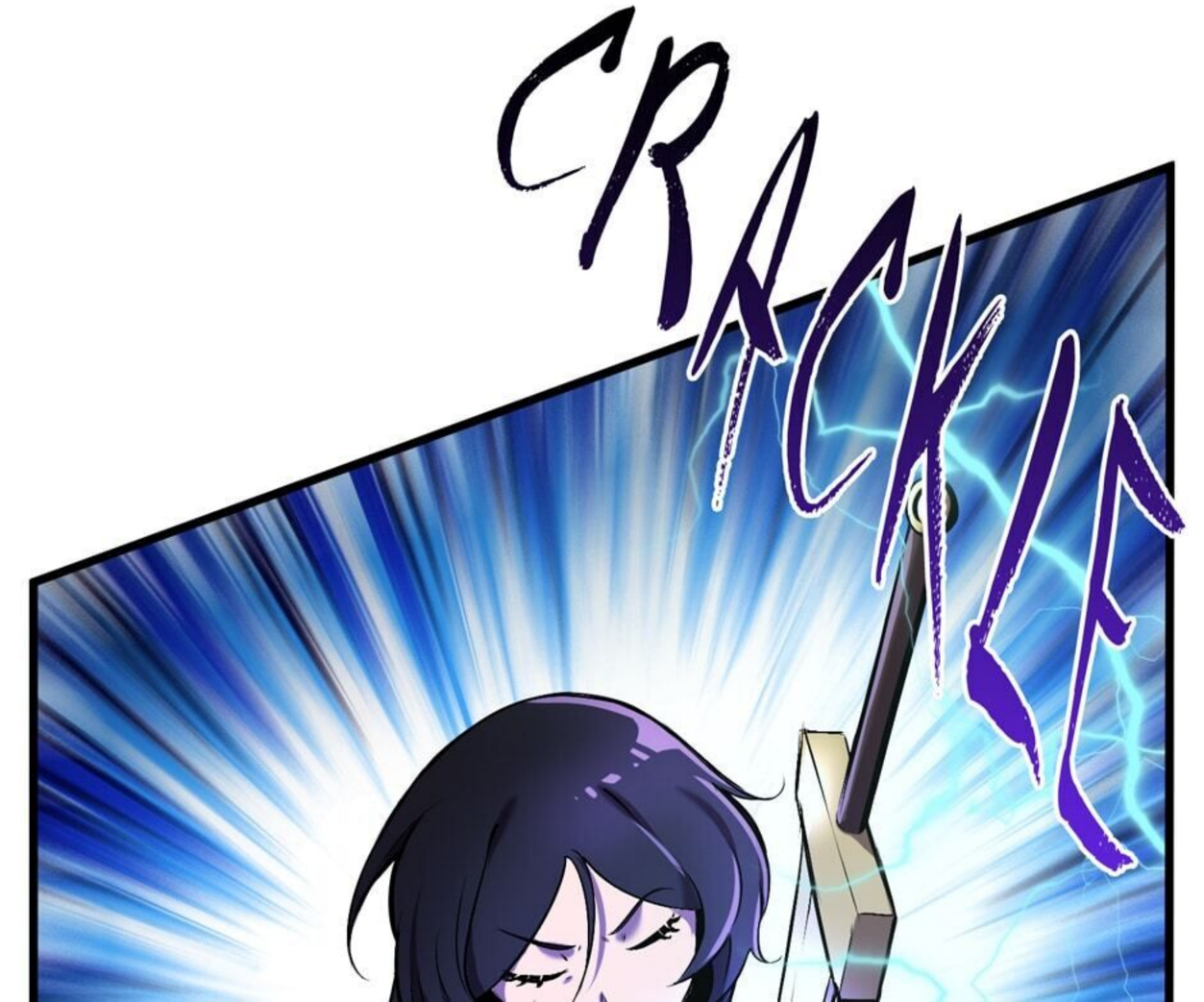
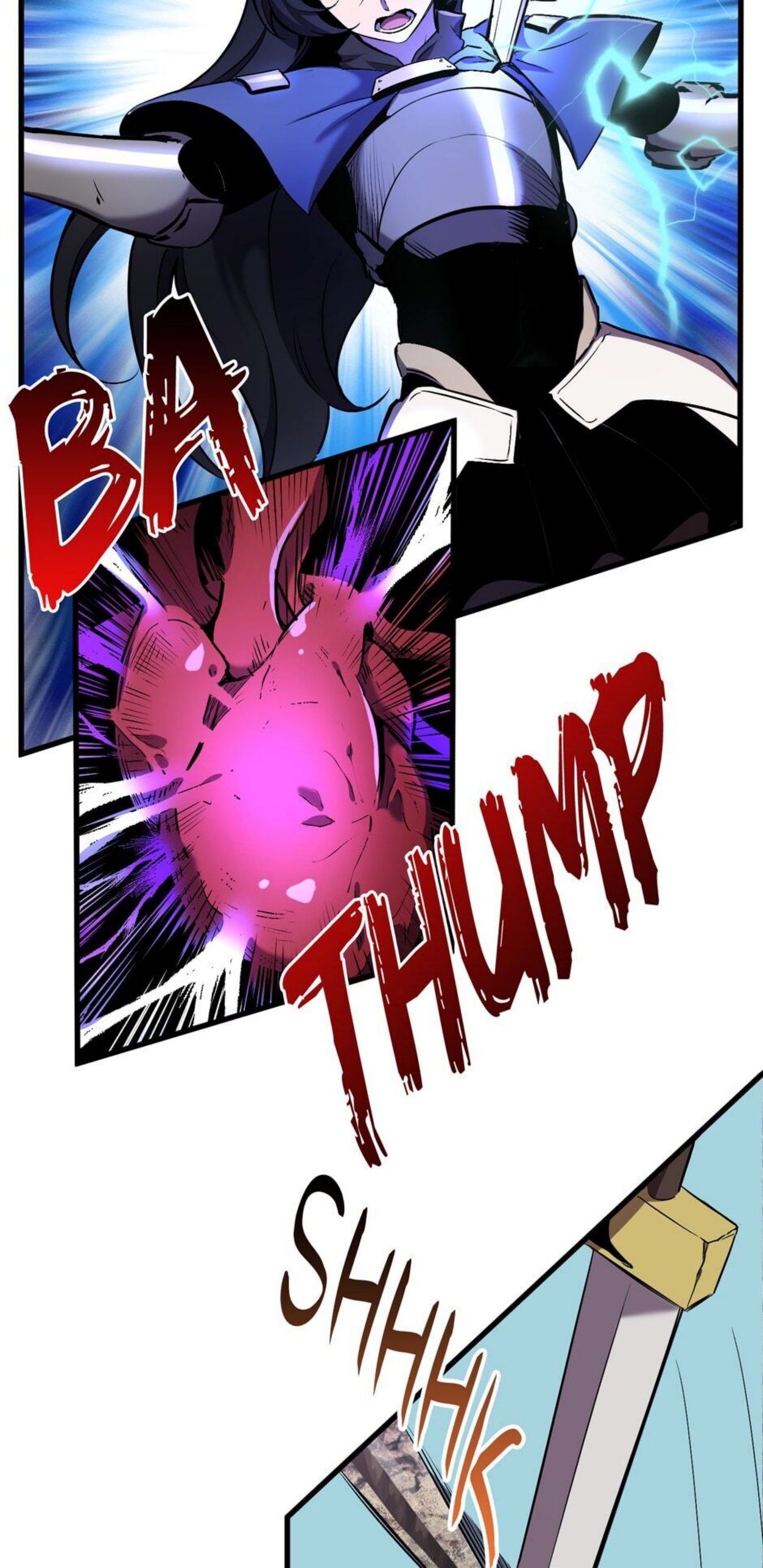
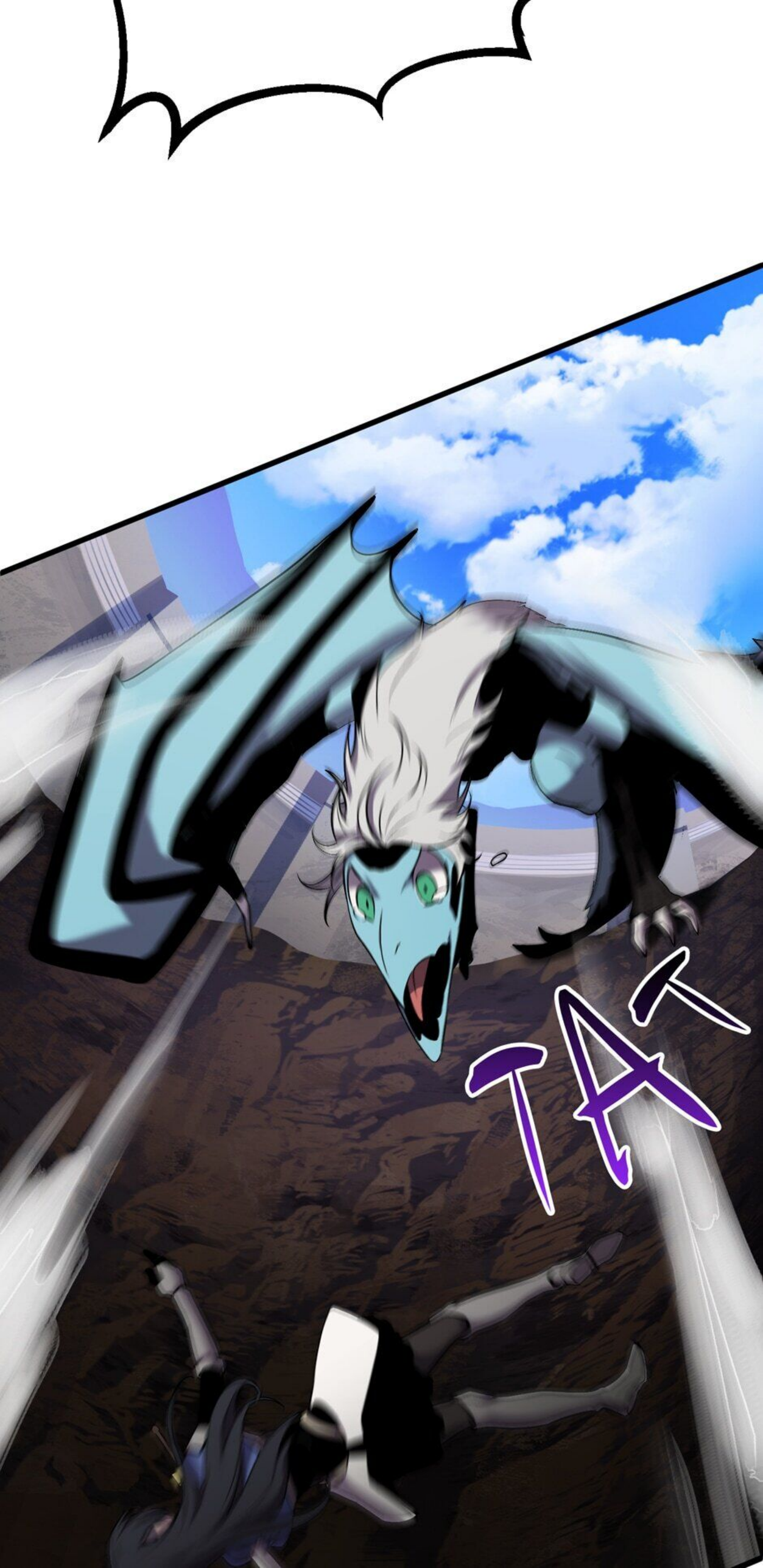
YOU...!
FWSH

ELISE!!




BAT
THUMP
SHHHK

SHWOOF
ELLIE!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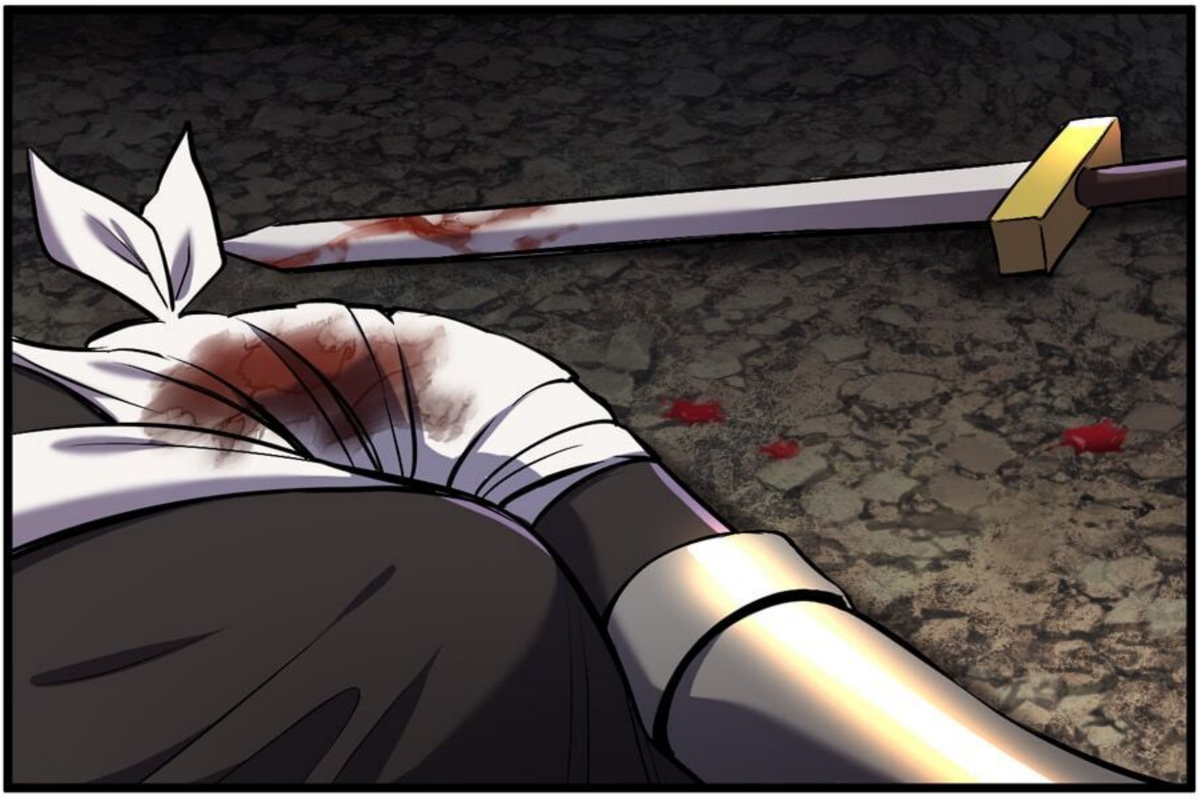


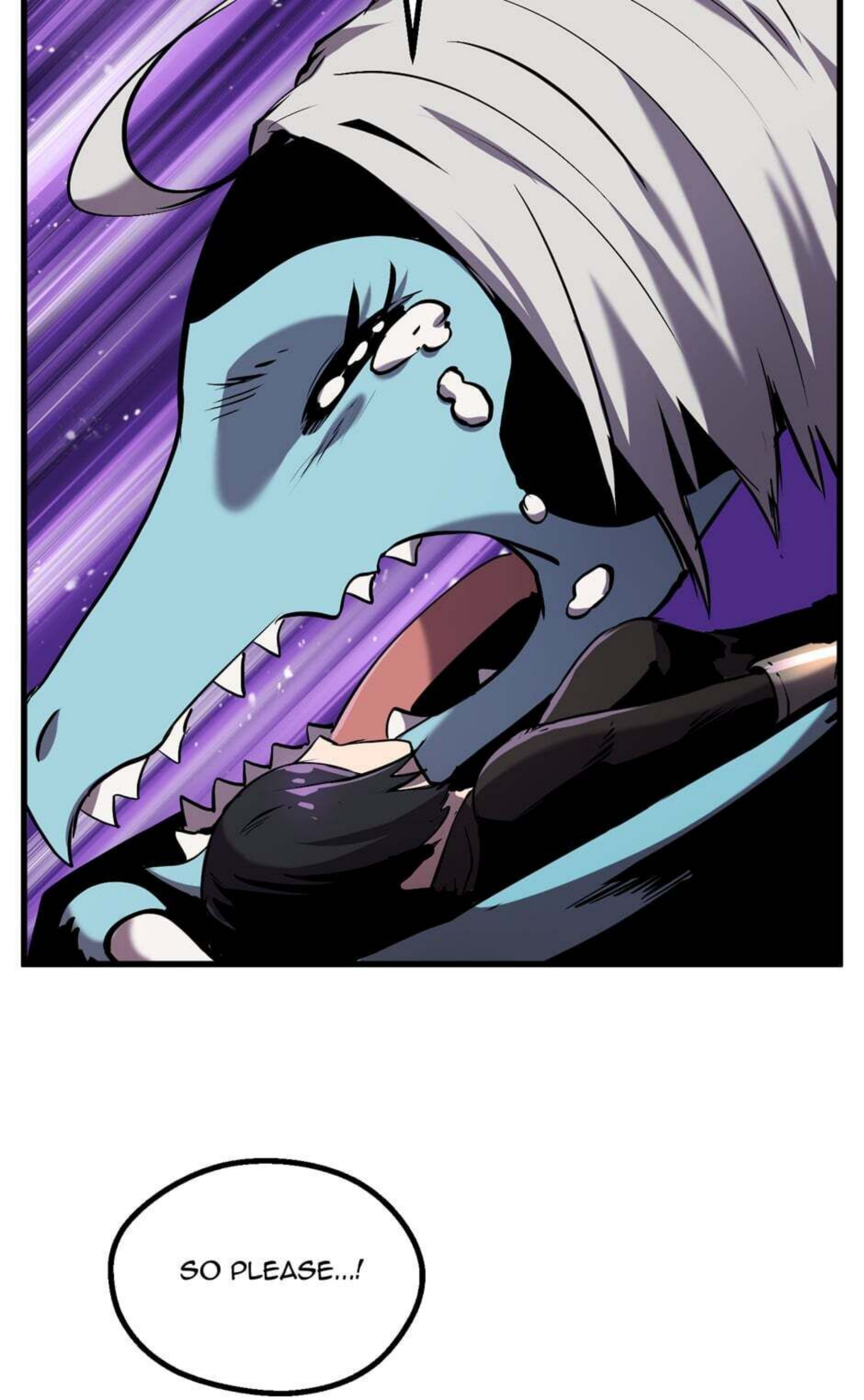
ELLIE!!

ELLIE!
WAKE UP!

ELLIE!!

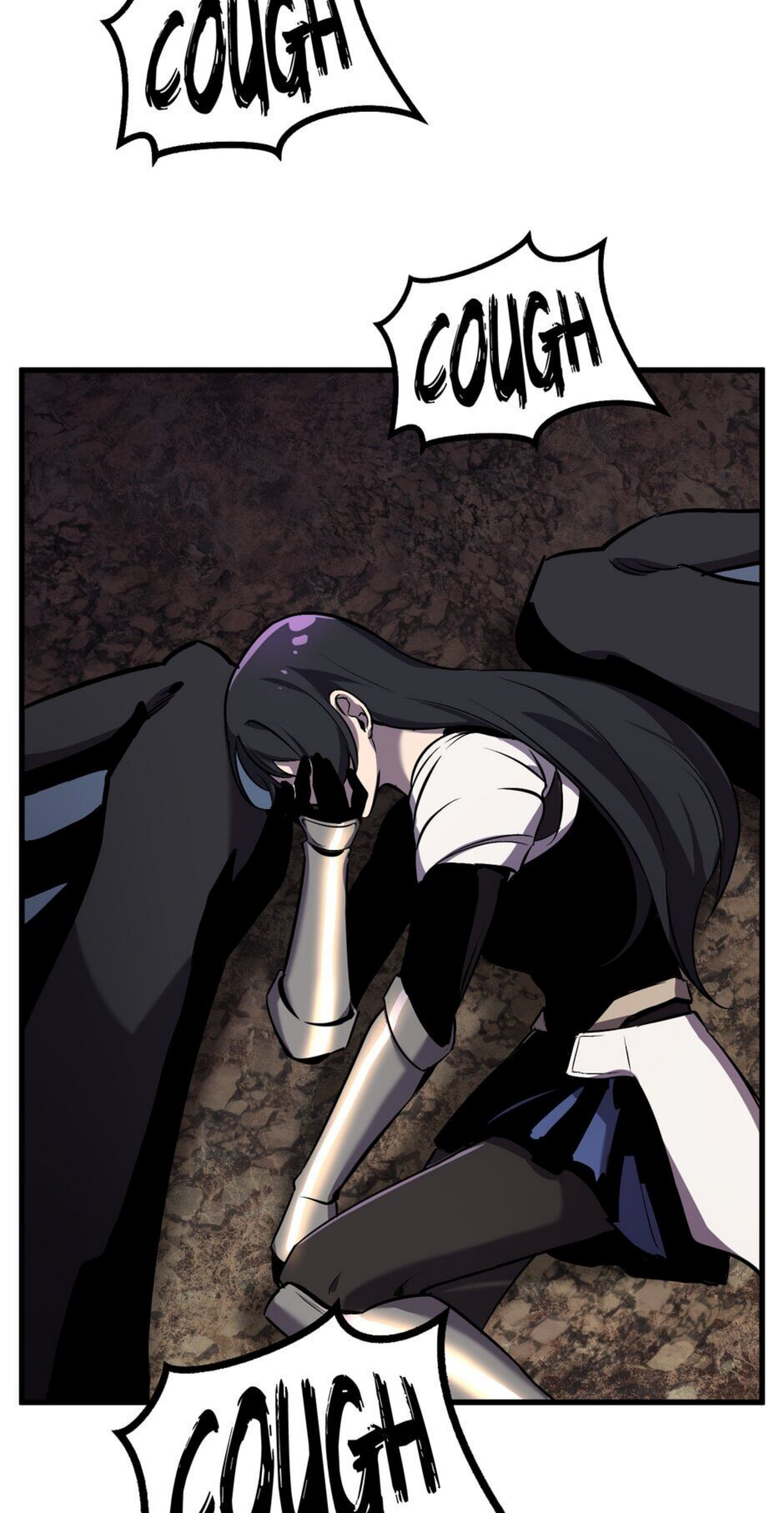
HER HEART'S NOT BEATING...

ELLIE!
I'M SORRY, OK?!


SO PLEASE...!

VILL

COUGH


COUGH
COUGH
COUGH

E-ELLIE!

HE MUST'VE IMPLANTED THE DRAGON CORE IN HIMSELF!

WAIT, A DRAGON CORE? IT'S NOT... YOURS, IS IT?

DON'T WORRY—HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT I'M A DRAGON.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD USE A DRAGON CORE TO HEAL YOURSELF.

IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THE ENERGY YOU GAIN FROM HUNTING DOESN'T HAVE MUCH LIFE FORCE, BUT...

IT'S POSSIBLE HERE—IN THIS DRAGON'S NEST!

THERE'S PLENTY OF LIFE FORCE LEFT IN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALIVE.

WHO IS THIS GUY? HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY ITEMS!

AND THE GUIDE LINE IS STILL SAYING HE'S A **LEVEL FIVE!**

HOW IS HE SO STRONG...?!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

I AM A

HONING MY POWER!
FIRE
DUN
DUN
H-HANBIN...!

AS A VALTARAN WARRIOR, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FORGIVE YOUR PERVERSE ACTIONS!
BUT I'M WILLING TO SPARE YOUR LIFE AND BE ON MY WAY IF YOU SINCERELY APOLOGIZE!

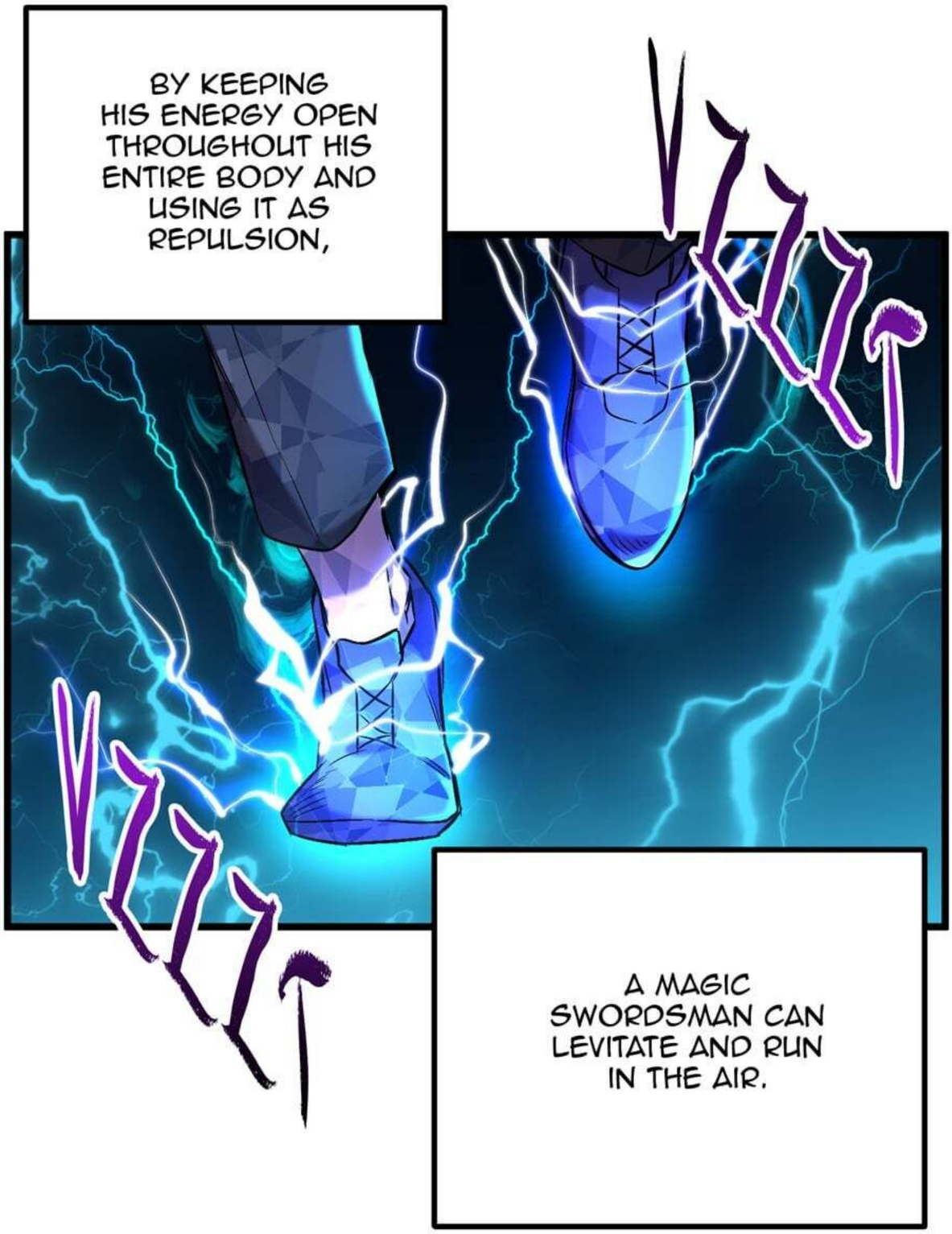
BE SERIOUS!
WE DON'T NEED TO GET INVOLVED IN SOME ANNOYANCE LIKE THIS.
PRIEST EMIL WILL REQUEST REINFORCEMENT FROM THE CHURCH ANYWAY. WE CAN JUST REPORT THIS GUY THEN.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT! HE'S A PART OF...

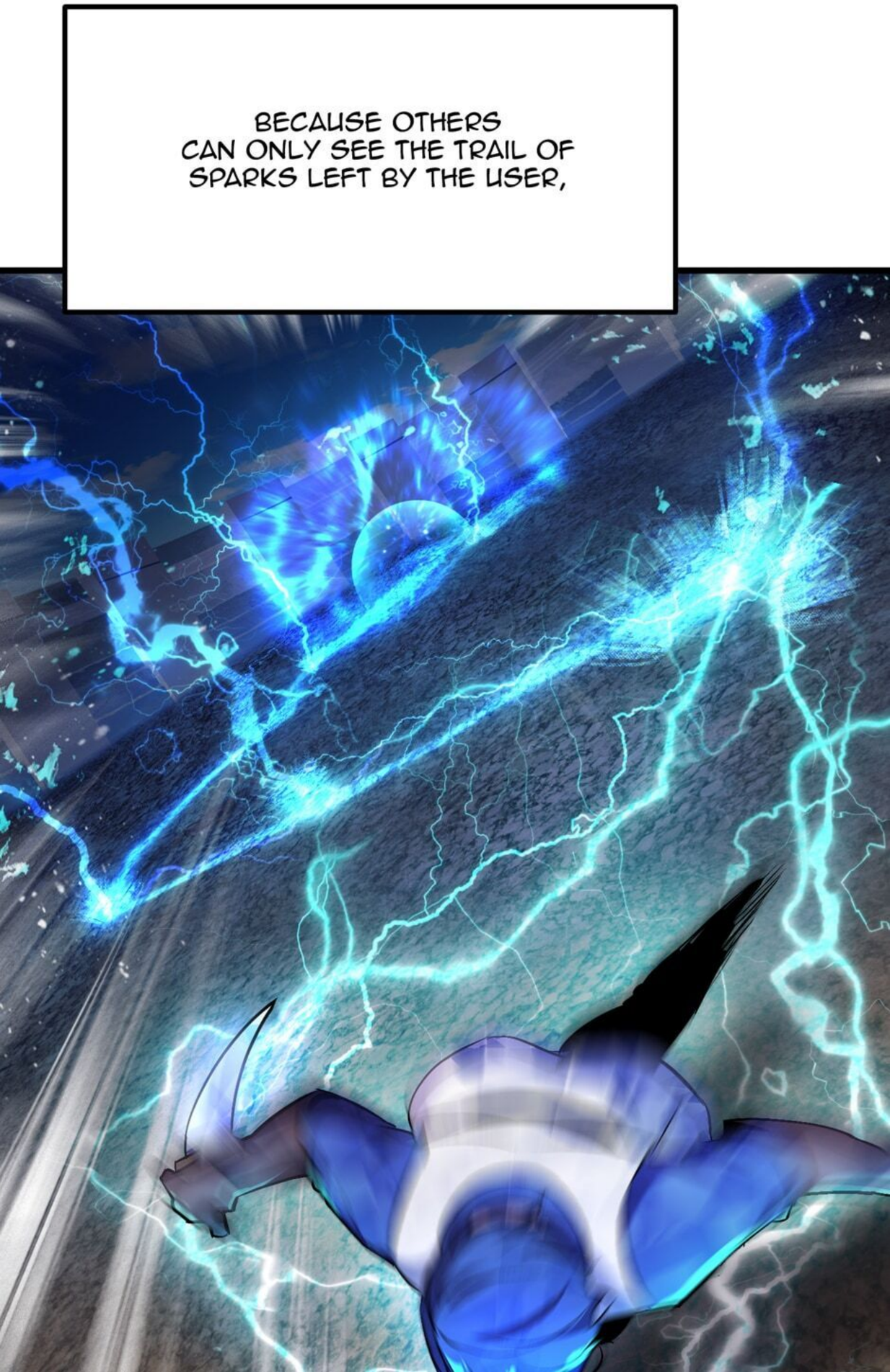
...GREAT EARTH!

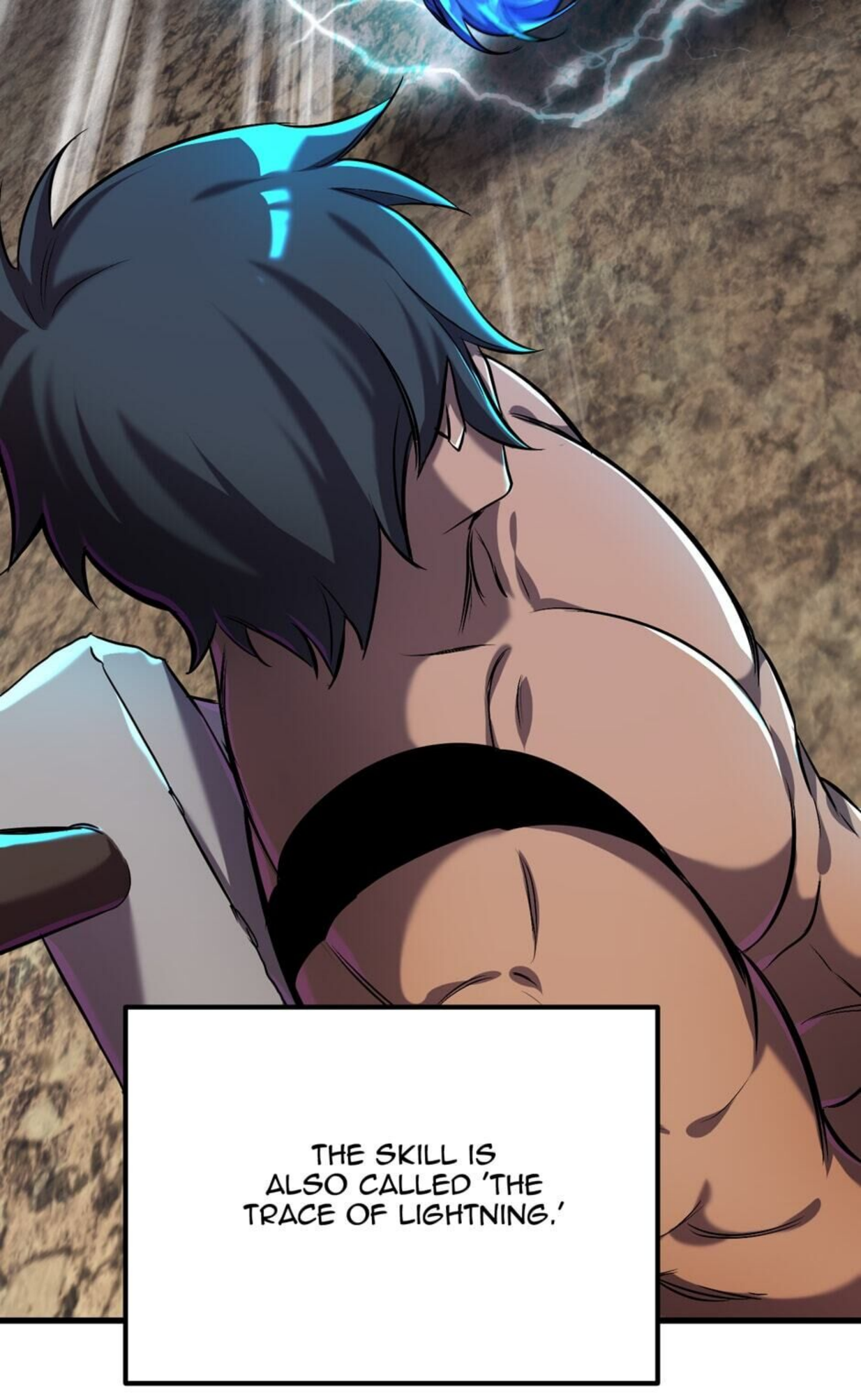
FINE...
I DON'T CARE
ABOUT YOUR TRUE
IDENTITY ANYWAY.

BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE A VARIABLE IN MY PLAN...
...I MUST FIND OUT EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.


BY KEEPING HIS ENERGY OPEN THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE BODY AND USING IT AS REPULSION,
A MAGIC SWORDSMAN CAN LEVITATE AND RUN IN THE AIR.

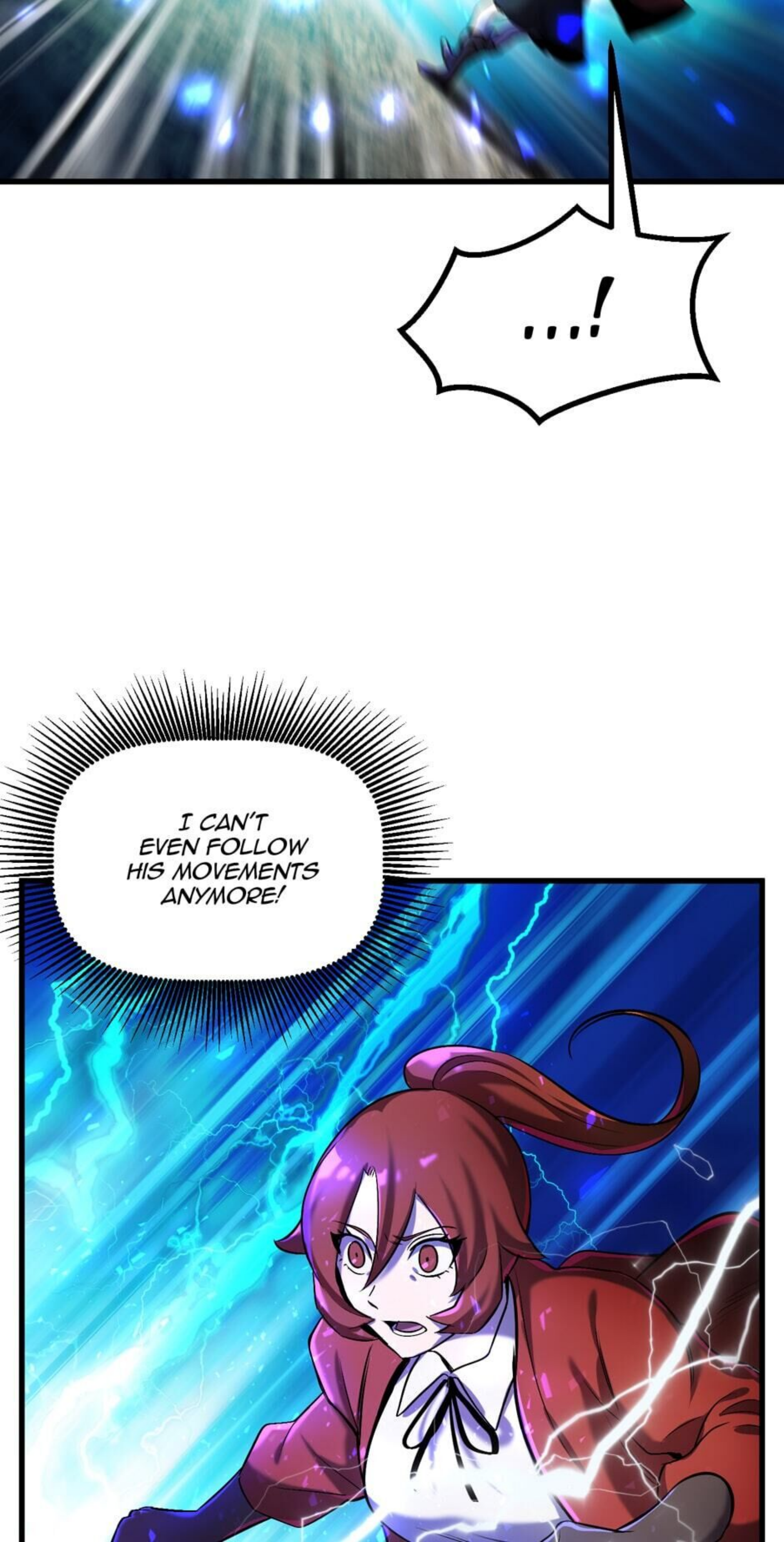
MAGIC
SWORDSMAN'S
LIGHTNING
SURGE!


BECAUSE OTHERS
CAN ONLY SEE THE TRAIL OF
SPARKS LEFT BY THE USER,

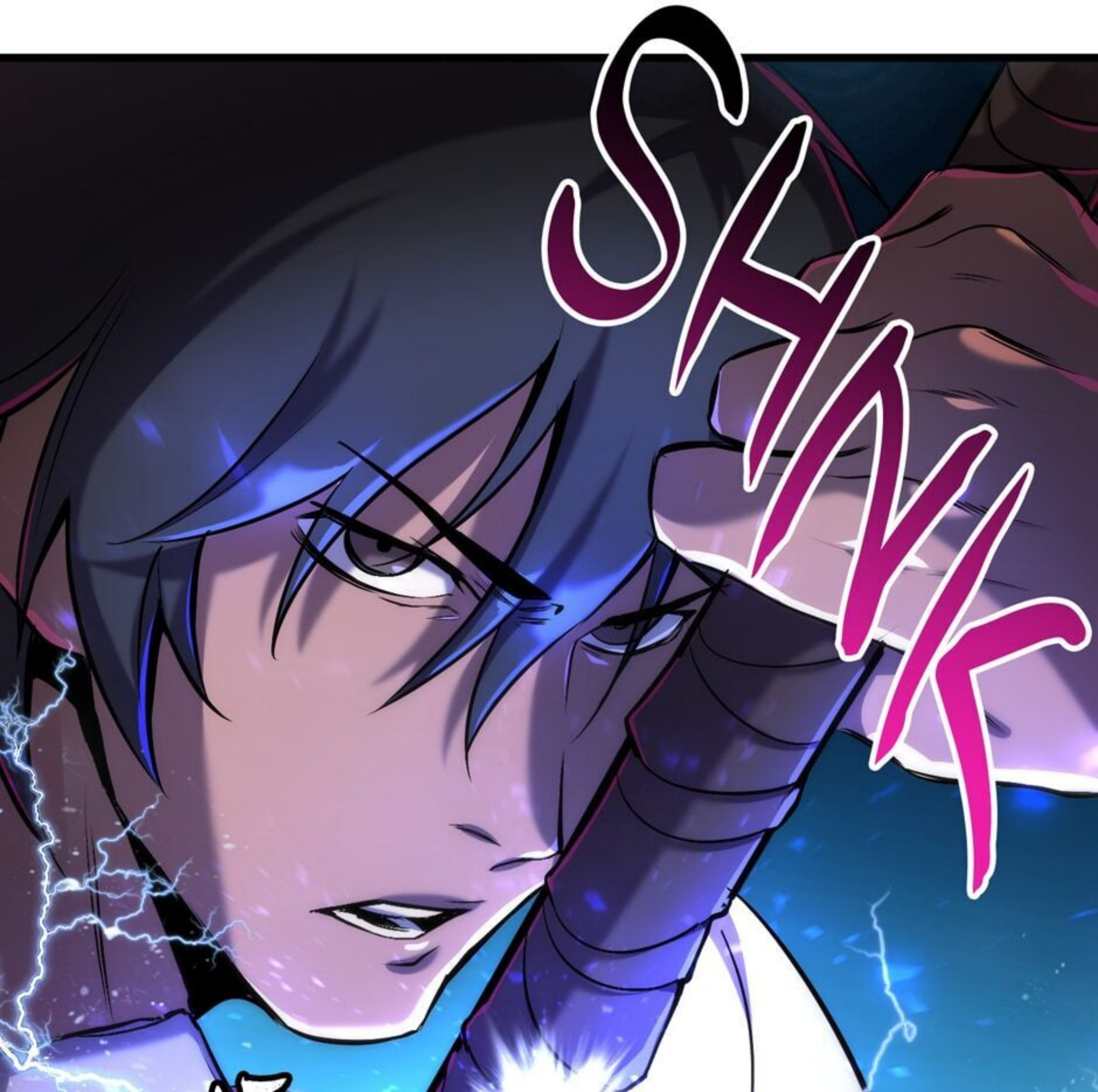

THE SKILL IS ALSO CALLED 'THE TRACE OF LIGHTNING.'

FWSH
LET'S SEE HOW MANY LEVELS YOU'RE HIDING!

YOU LEVEL-FIVE, FAKE VALTARAN!
BOOM


...!
I CAN'T EVEN FOLLOW HIS MOVEMENTS ANYMORE!

WAS HE JUST
SAVING UP HIS POWER WHILE
HE WAS FIGHTING ME?



CRACKLE

CRACKLE

WHAT, YOU'RE NOT EVEN HIDING THE FACT THAT YOU'RE AN OTHERWORLDER NOW?

YOUR NECK WOULD'VE BEEN BROKEN ALREADY EVEN IF YOU WERE AROUND LEVEL 50~

AND YOU DON'T EVEN FLINCH AFTER FINDING OUT THAT I'M AN OTHERWORLDER?

WELL, LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE OVER LEVEL 60 THEN!

FWIP

IT'S ANNOYING TO DEAL WITH REGENERATIVE ONES...
SK
BUT I DO NEED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GREAT EARTH.
I'LL KEEP MY DISTANCE AND TIRE HIM OUT.

IT'S PROBABLY BEST NOT TO DODGE THIS

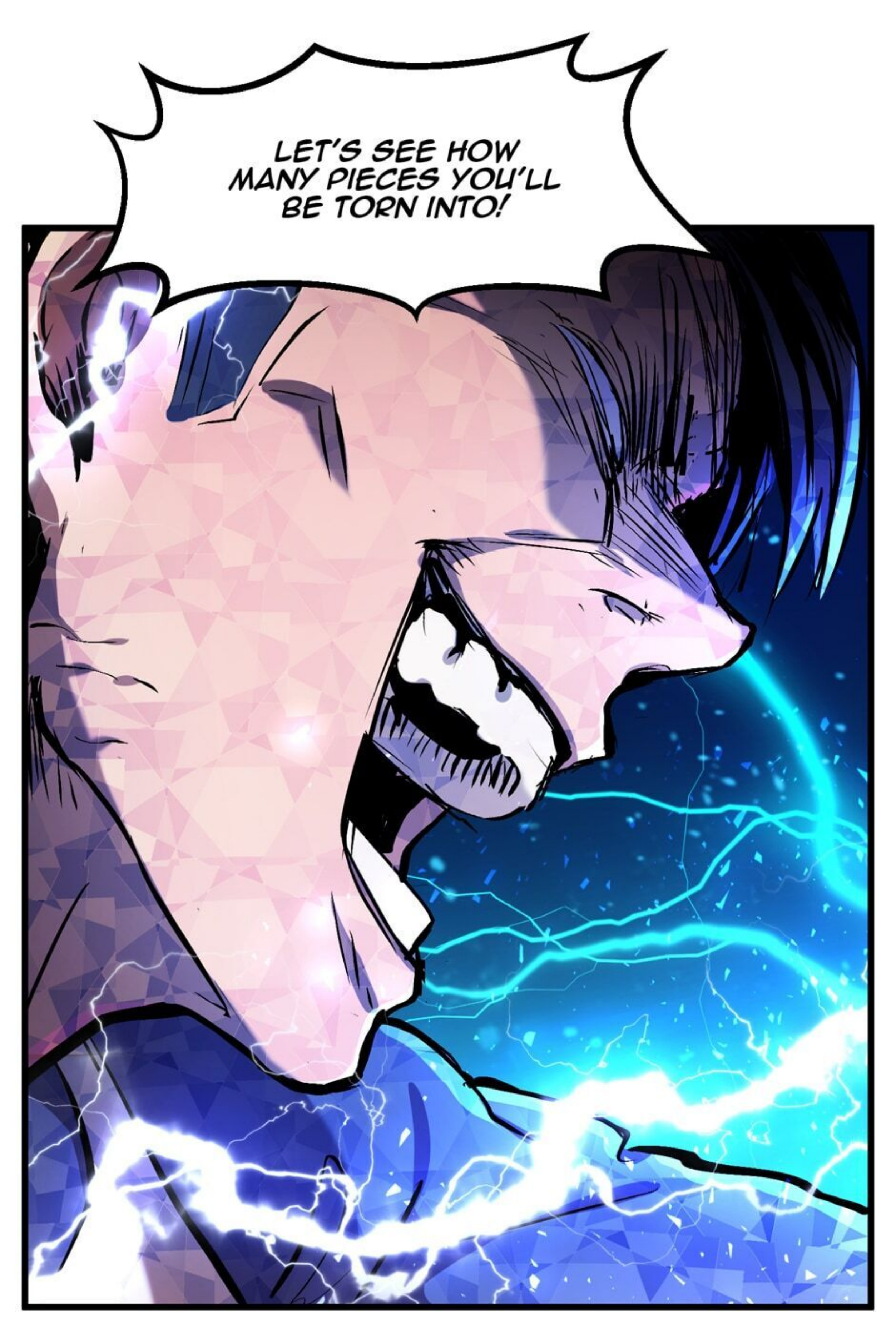
BEST NOT TO DODGE THIS...

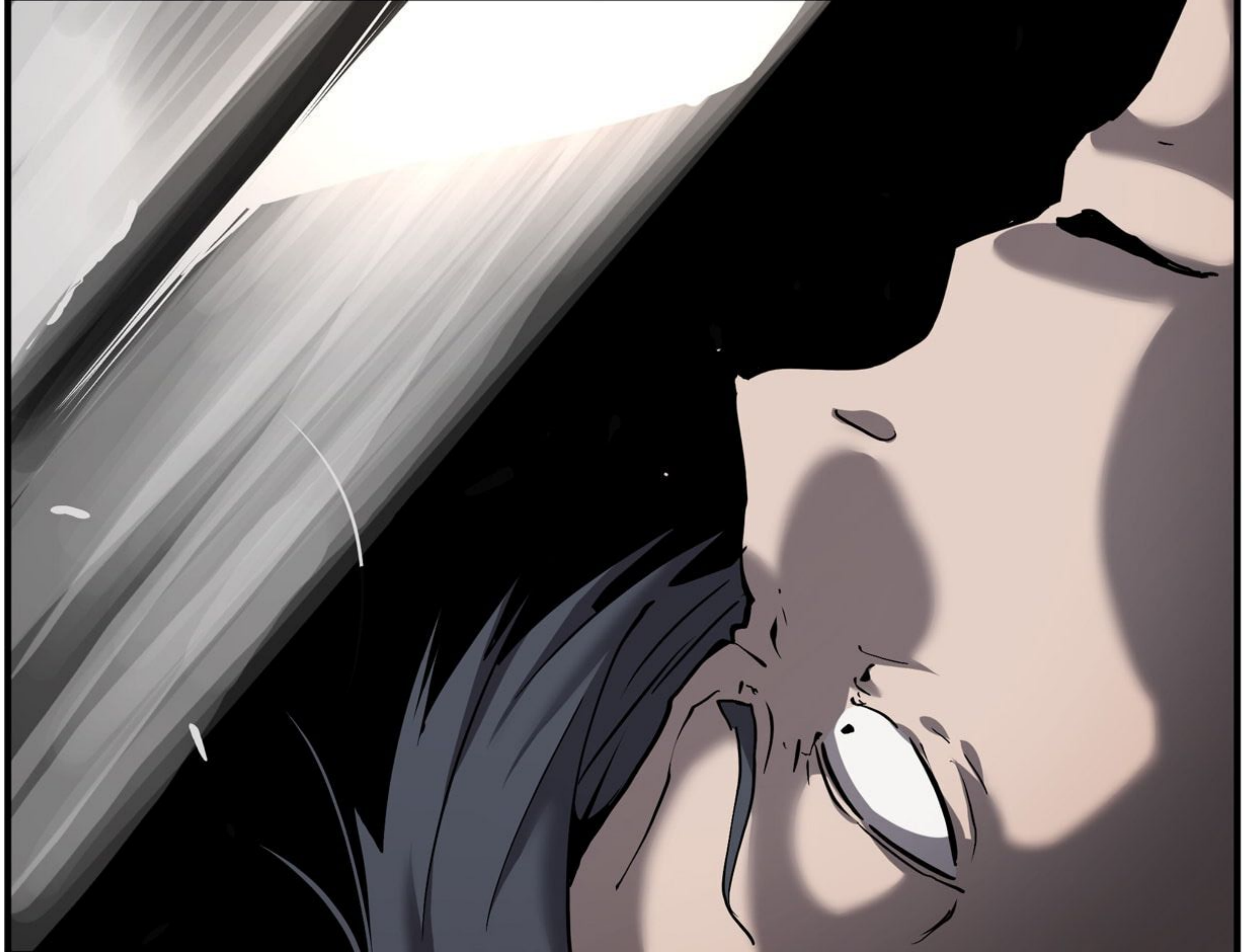
...IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT NPC BEHIND YOU GETTING TORN INTO PIECES!

EVEN I CAN'T COUNT HOW MANY TIMES I'LL BE ATTACKING YOU

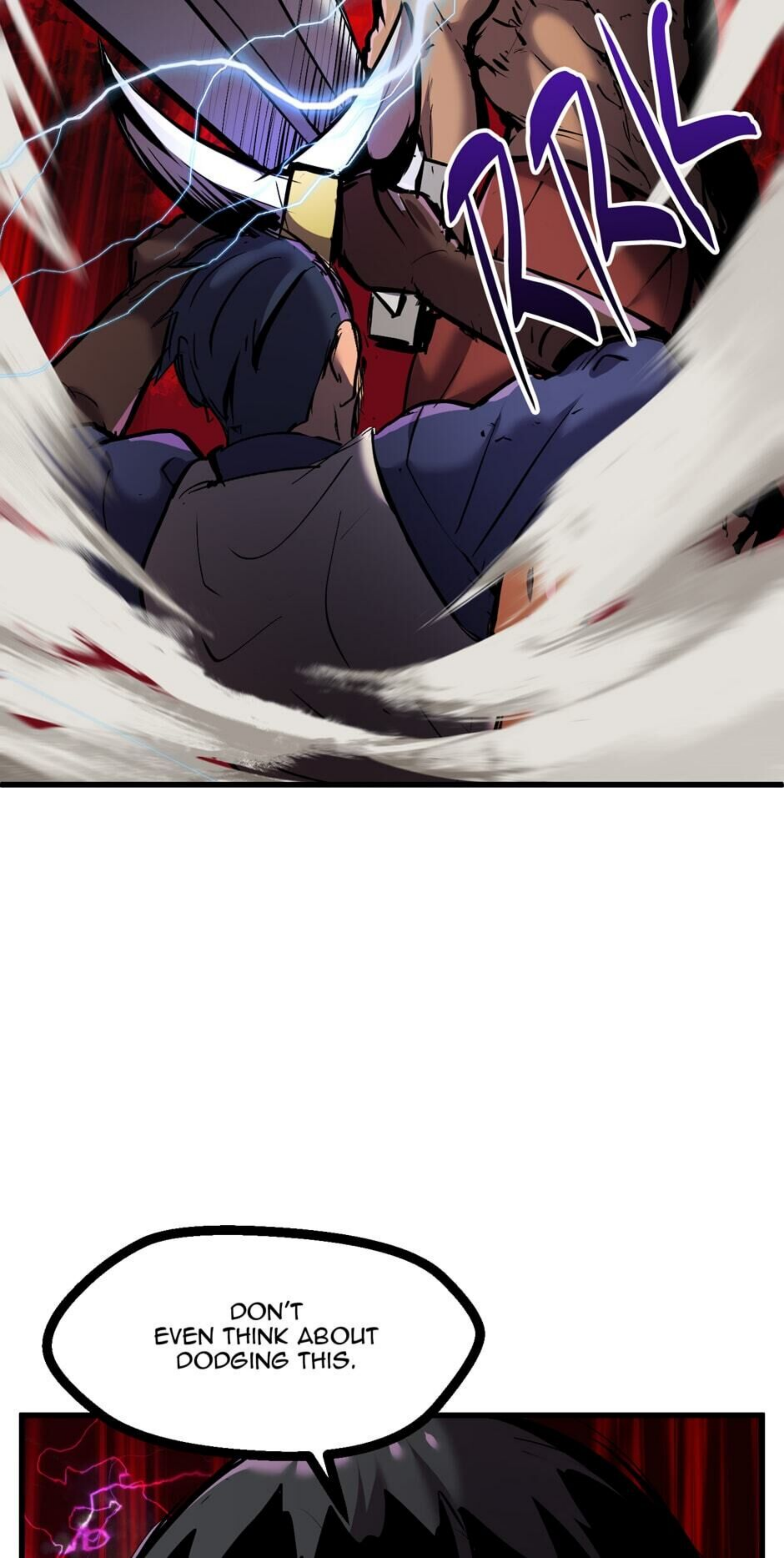
WITH THESE VICIOUS STRIKES MADE FROM THE SPINNING POWER OF MY RELEASED FORCE!

LIGHTNING SLASH


LET'S SEE HOW MANY PIECES YOU'LL BE TORN INTO!



BOOM
KRR

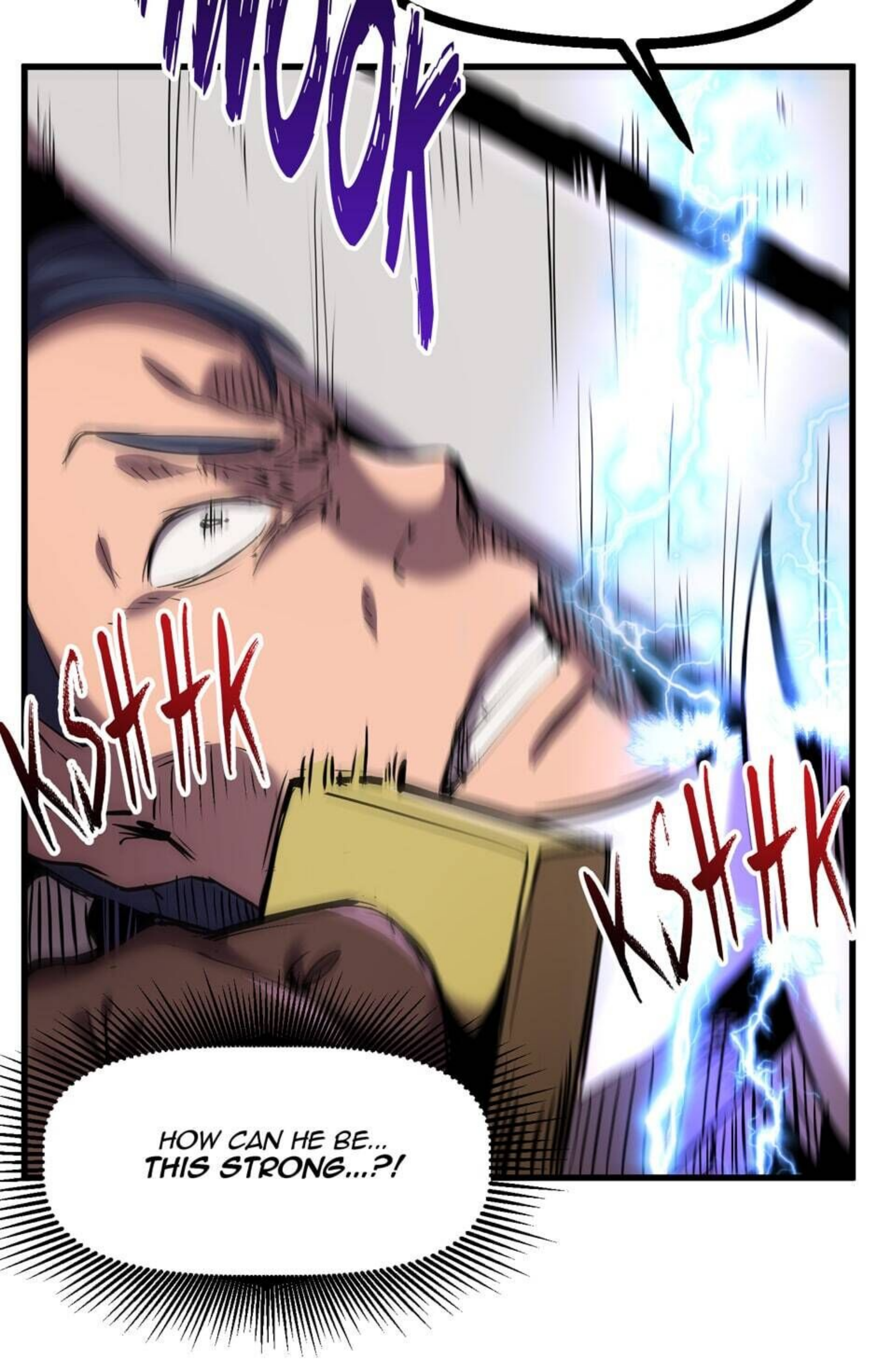

ZZZK
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT DODGING THIS.

CRACKLE

YOU'LL BE SLICED IN HALF AS SOON AS YOU LOSE STRENGTH IN YOUR ARMS.

SHWO

NOW... WHAT DO YOU THINK MY LEVEL IS?


WOOK
KSHHK
KSHHK
HOW CAN HE BE...
THIS STRONG...?!

KRRRK
UGH!

HANBIN!
HOLD ON!

KRRRK

I CAN HEAR ARTIS' VOICE IN MY HEAD...!

THIS IS A ONE-WAY TRANSMISSION— I CAN'T HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THIS KIND OF MAGIC!

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO EXPLAIN.

ALEJANDRO IS THE ONE WHO'S MAKING THE DRAGON'S NEST RUN RIGHT NOW!

THE ENTIRE FACILITY IS SUCKING UP THE LIFE FORCE OF EVERYONE IN HERE TO HEAL HIS WOUNDS.

BUT IF YOU KILL HIM, THE NEST WILL END UP SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL.

KRRK

KRRK
AND ALL THE ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL DIE AFTER GETTING ALL THEIR ENERGY SUCKED AWAY FROM THEM.
OUR ONLY WAY OUT IS TO DESTROY THE ENERGY FUSION REACTOR AT THE CORE OF THE DRAGON'S NEST.

THEN I GOTTA MAKE SURE NOT TO KILL THIS GUY... WHAT IF I FAIL TO HOLD BACK MY STRENGTH BEFORE THE REACTOR'S DESTROYED?

BUT IF YOU DO END UP KILLING HIM... THAT'S OK.

I WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD ALREADY IF YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP.
BUT IF I HAD SURVIVED, I WOULD'VE DONE EVERYTHING I COULD TO KILL HIM AS WELL.

SO EVEN IF YOU END UP KILLING HIM...

...I'M THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE DEATHS IT WOULD CAUSE.

AND EVEN IF I DID GO UNDERGROUND TO FIND THE REACTOR,

THERE'S NO TELLING IF I'D ACTUALLY SUCCEED.

I'M SORRY THAT MY STUBBORNNESS IS JUST MAKING THINGS HARDER ON YOU.

SO I DON'T

WANT TO BURDEN
YOU ANY--

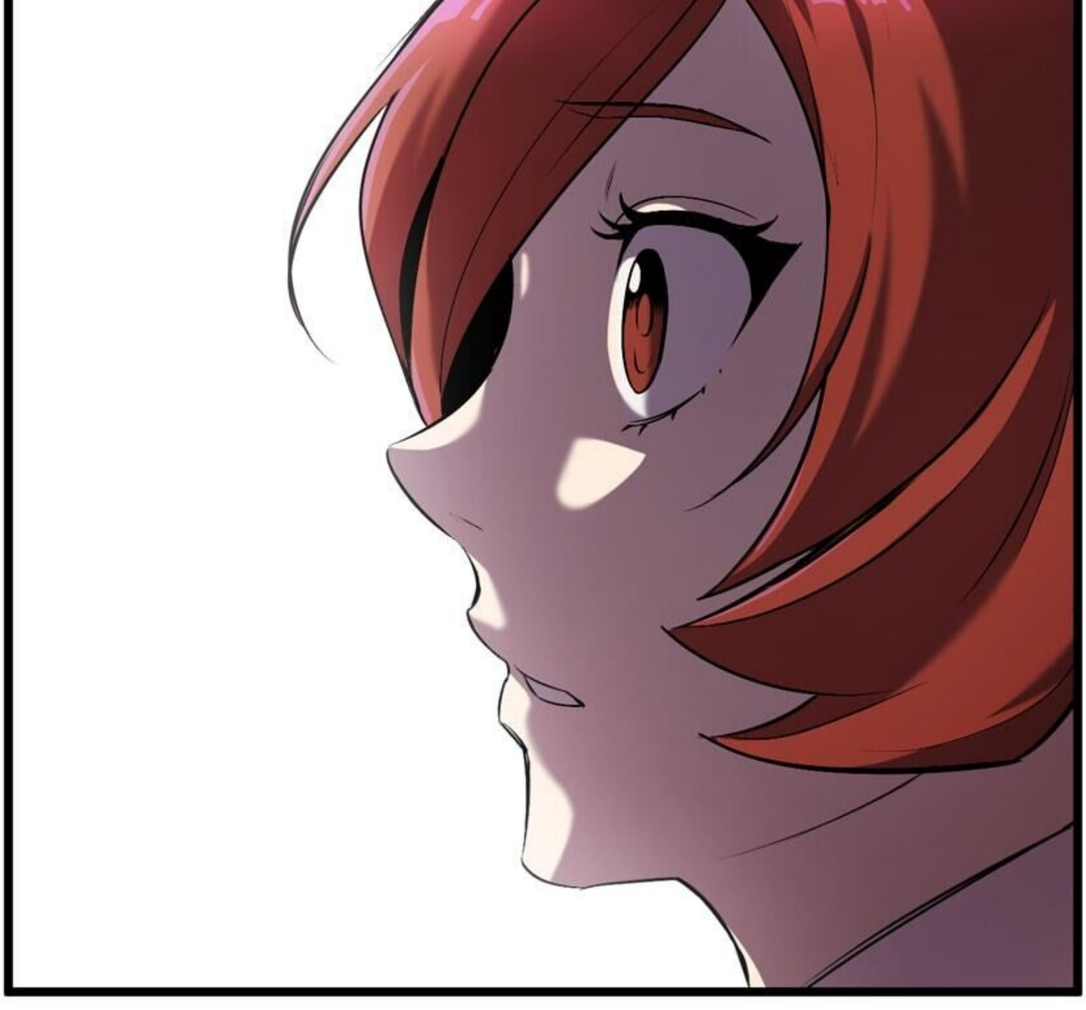
THWACK

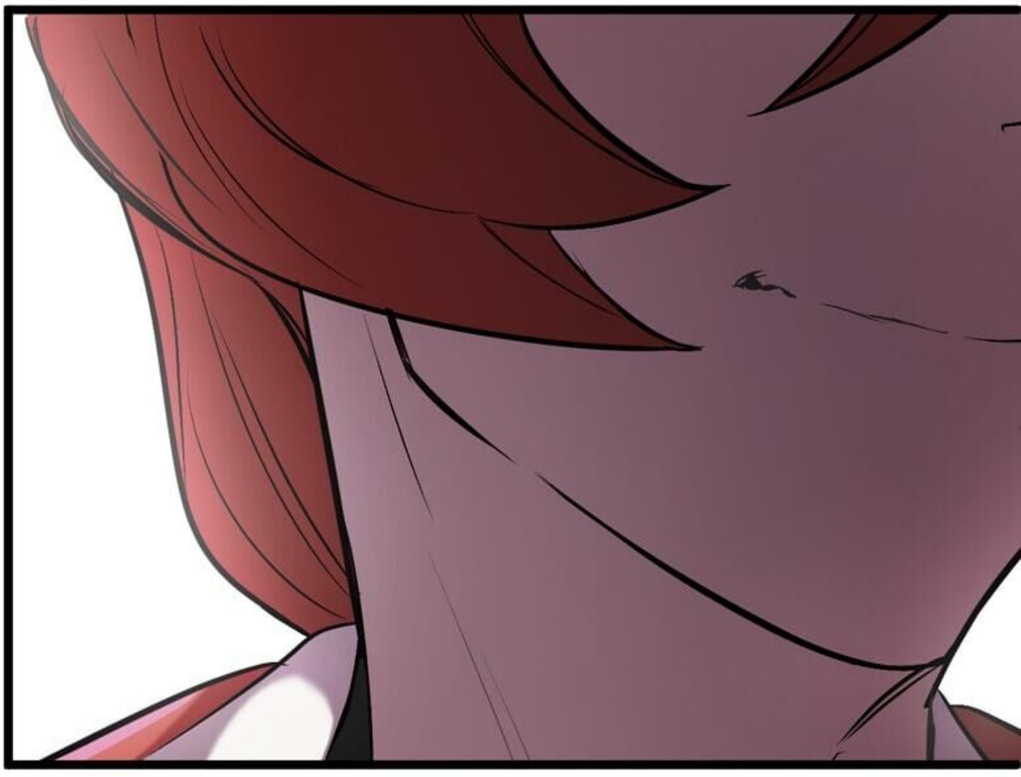
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WHY ARE YOU MAKING THINGS SOUND SO DIFFICULT?
WHAT?!

STEP ONE, YOU DESTROY THAT REACTOR OR WHATEVER IT'S CALLED.
THEN STEP TWO, I STOP THAT GUY FROM GETTING IN YOUR WAY WHILE I DO MY BEST NOT TO KILL HIM.

N-NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE ALL THOSE BLOWS FROM HIM!
ON TOP OF THAT...
I'M THE ONE WHO CAUSED THIS MESS.
I JUST CAN'T BURDEN YOU ANYMORE...!

I TRUST YOU.
HURRY UP AND GET BACK HERE QUICKLY. LET'S GO HOME.





I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

WHAT A DELICATE DRAGON...

WELL, NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED...

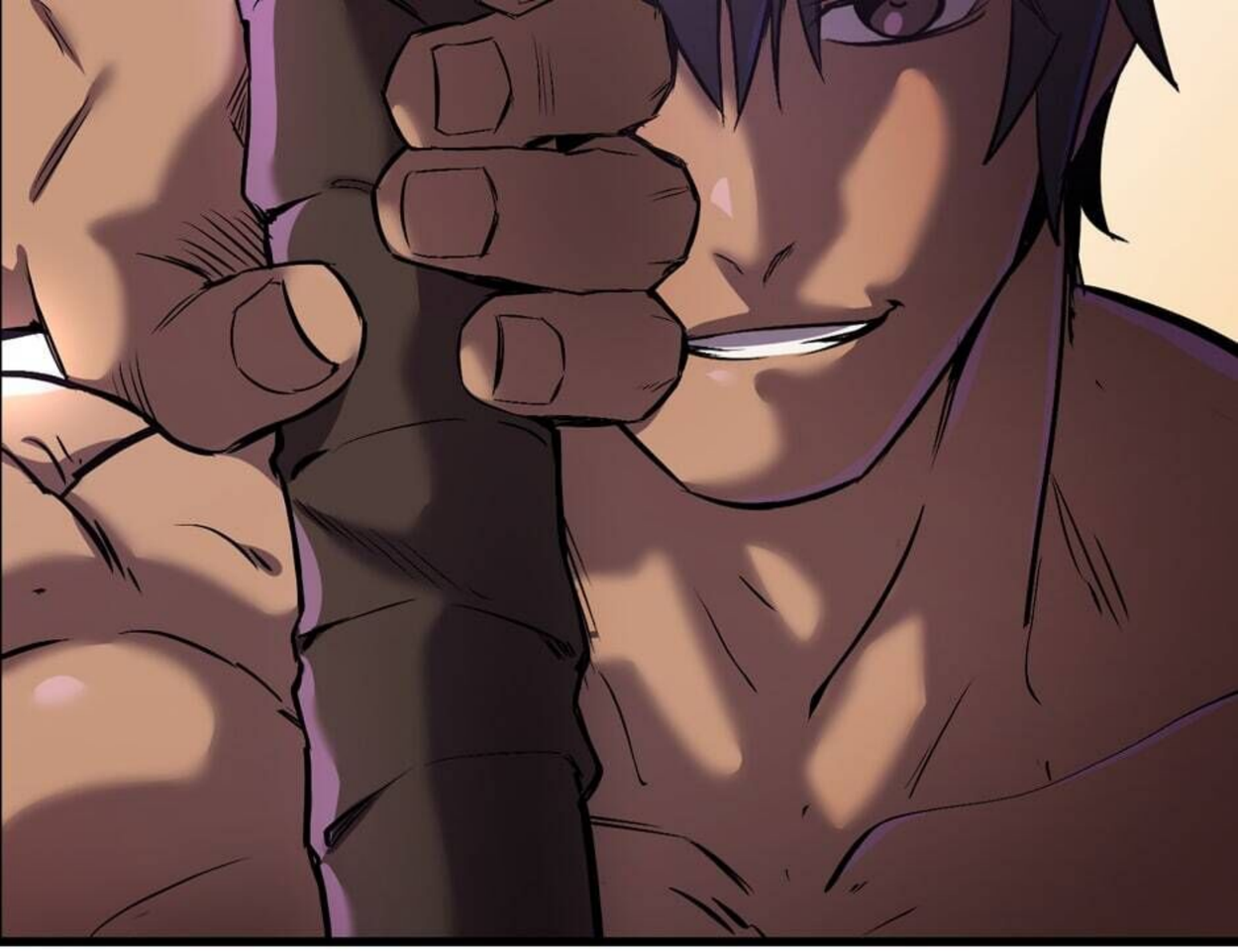
HEY, I THOUGHT YOU'D RUN AFTER HER BUT YOU'RE STILL THERE!

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO PROTECT DOWN THERE?
OF COURSE IT'S IMPORTANT.

DID YOU THINK I'D FORGET TO PROTECT SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT? THAT I'D LET SOME NPC DESTROY IT?

IT'S A BIT OF A SETBACK, BUT IT'S MANAGEABLE.

YOU CAN'T KILL ME ANYWAY.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOU UNTIL YOU'RE JUST BARELY ALIVE.



RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE

LATNA
SAGA
SURVIVAL OF A SWORD KING